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SUBJ: US-USSR AGREEMENTS ON OCEANOGRAPHY AND TRANSPORTATION:
DESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE AGENTS

REF: STATE 171092; STATE 180152

1. SCST HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO DIVULGE RECOMMENDED EXECUTIVE AGENTS AND SOVIET CO-CHAIRMEN OF JOINT COMMITTEES FOR SUBJECT AGREEMENTS UNTIL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY SCST TO GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN APPROVED. AYKAZYAN POINTS OUT THAT DELAY IS CAUSED MAINLY BY FACT THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THESE AGREEMENTS, AND THEY ARE THOROUGHLY REVIEWING SCST RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPOSITION OF SOVIET SIDE OF JOINT COMMITTEES TO ENSURE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT PERSONS AND INSTITUTIONS NOMINATED ARE NOT SO OVER-EXTENDED AS MEMBERS OF OTHER COMMITTEES THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DEVOTE TIME TO MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTING THESE NEW AGREEMENTS.

2. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: FINAL NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED BY SCST SEPTEMBER 11 THAT APPROVAL HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR SCST TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR THIS AGREEMENT. IT WAS DECIDED THAT SCST SHOULD PLAY THIS ROLE, BECAUSE BILATERAL COOPERATION WILL INVOLVE MANY SOVIET AGENCIES ALMOST EQUALLY,
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NO SINGLE ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE AS CAPABLE AS SCST IN CARRY-

ING OUT COORDINATING FUNCTION. CO-CHAIRMAN OF JOINT COMMITTEE IS G. V. ALNCSENKO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SCST. SECOND-IN-COMMAND ON SOVIET SIDE OF JOINT COMMITTEE IS NIKOLAY IVANOVICH SHINKAREV, HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OF SCST. REMAINING MEMBERS ON SOVIET SIDE WILL BE COMMUNICATED LATER.

3. OCEANOGRAPHY AGREEMENT: USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS STILL HAS NOT NOTIFIED SCST CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT. EXECUTIVE

AGENT AND CO-CHAIRMAN STILL UNDECIDED. UNTIL THIS ISSUE RESOLVED AND DR. WHITE'S COUNTERPART IS CHOSEN, AYKAZYAN SUGGESTS THAT WHITE COMMUNICATE WITH PRONSKIY. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO SAY WHETHER DATES PROPOSED BY US SIDE FOR FIRST MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE (STATE 171092) ARE ACCEPTABLE. SCST EXPECTS RESOLUTION OF THIS OCEANOGRAPHY ISSUE AT ANY TIME NOW. (FYI: ACCORDING TO AYKAZYAN, METAL'NIKOV OF SCST WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT, BUT PROBABLY NOT A MEMBER OF JOINT COMMITTEE ITSELF. END FYI)
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